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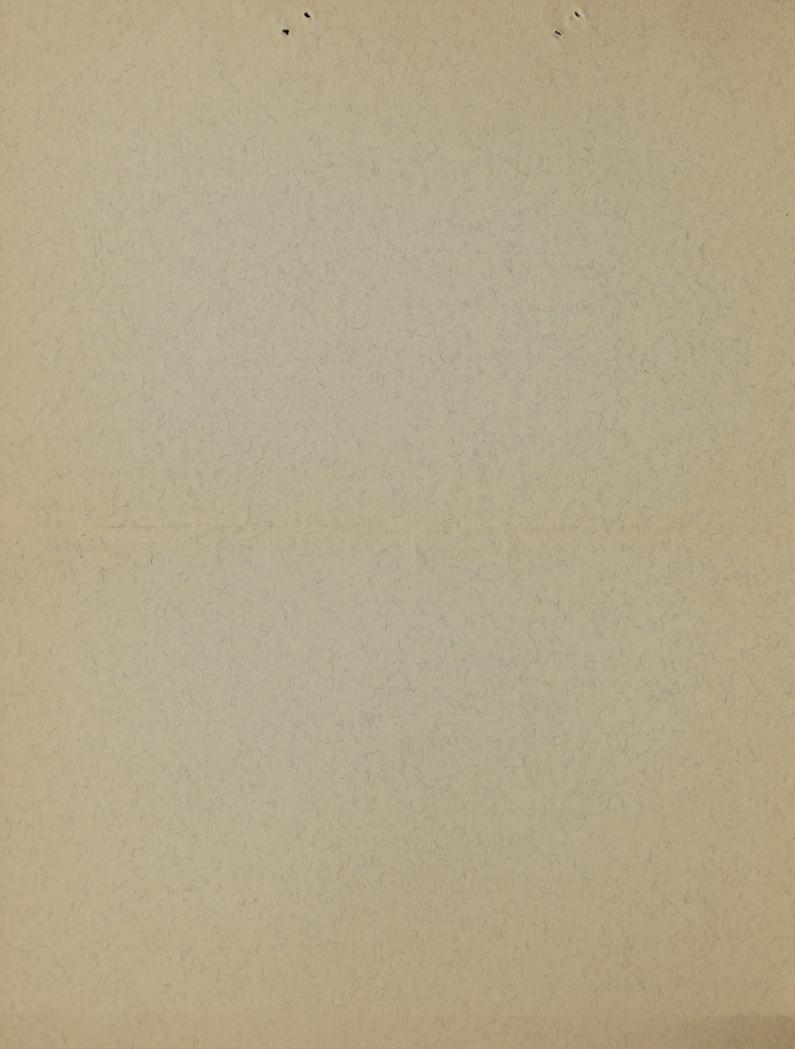
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Narrative Report, Men's Work May, 1929 Enterprise Development Work Field Crops

Corn: Agent Alexander Hurse of Ware County, writes as follows:
"Nine demonstrators have given their corn a top dressing with
nitrate of soda. Two demonstrations were conducted in the
application of top dressing, attended by fourteen farmers."

In Chatham, Clarke, Laurens, and Randolph Counties, the following work was done in corn production during the month:

No.	Demonstrations given in side dressing	9
NO.	Demonstrations planted	6
No.	Demonstrations measured	5
MO.	planting pure seed	2
NO.	Demonstrations conducted in cultivation	6
No.	Farmers witnessing these demonstrations	30

During the month, a two-thousand mile trip covering every County where a negro agent works, was made. Special attention was given to result demonstrations, their organization, and plans for using them to affect farm practices. In Chatham, Liberty, Ware, Dougherty, and Randolph Counties, corn demonstrations were far enough advanced to make comparisons. In Chatham County, every one of the twenty-seven farmers visited were carrying five-acre demonstrations in corn, many of them having to double their previous acreage record to qualify. A prominent Extension Official said to me at the end of the two-day trip that as a result of Agent B. S. Adams' work with corn alone, the yield in Chatham County would be increased by fifty percent this year. Some splendid demonstrations with corn were underway in the other southernmost Counties.

Wheat: The recent round of visits to result demonstrations reached Houston and Peach Counties just at the beginning of the harvesting season, and furnished a good opportunity to see some results of Agent O. S. O'Neal's work with wheat. Eighteen demonstrations ranging from three to nine acres were visited and indicated yields averaging not less than twenty bushels per acre. Many of these farmers, since beginning the growing of wheat three or four years ago, are selling their surplus to the Birdsey Flour Mills at Macon, thus making of their wheat a cash as well as a supply crop. Agent O'Neal states that 125 men and boys were enrolled in wheat clubs last fall. The harvesting of wheat demonstrations is reported from Randolph, and Oconee Counties.

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Cotton: Three-hundred and ninety-eight farmers are cooperating with the Agents in carrying on demonstrations in cotton growing. Most of these demonstrations in cotton growing are on five acre plats and while the objective back of these demonstrations is increased acre production, the lessons emphasized are a more liberal use of a high grade guano, and the use of better seeds as well as recommended cultural methods. On recent visits to cotton demonstrations in Ware, Dougherty, Washington, Clarke, and Oconee Counties, no one had received less than 400 pounds of at least 8-4-4 per acre and in practically every instance, provisions had been made for the use of soda or ammonia as a side dressing.

Below is a summary of the activities reported with cotton demonstrations during the month of May:

No.	of demonstrations planted	34 21 117 16
140.	or meetings at demonstrations	16
	Attendance	42

Livestock

<u>Dairying:</u> In Hancock County, Agent Robinson reports that seven men began selling cream this month who have not sold any before and that small sour cream sellers have planted fifty acres for dairy feed in addition to their usual plantings.

Assistance was given with nine persons in Clarke County in providing better handling facilities for milk and similar help was given to sour cream sellers in Laurens County.

Hogs: In October, when Agent Alexander Hurse began work in Ware County, J. L. Bloodfield, a farmer living just outside the city limits of Waycross, was interested in hogs, but had only about a "dozen head" of the native south Georgia stock. Hurse began visiting him and talking about the many advantages which pure breds had over the native scrubs. Bloodfield listened, and as he expressed it, "Professor's talk sounded so reasonable that I decided to try the thing out." He purchased a few bred spotted Poland China sows from one of the leading breeders of the country, and pretty soon fell out with his remaining scrubs and sold, gave, and drove them away. On the first of May, he had sixty-five purebred spotted Poland Chinas of all ages which he was selling to his neighbors at three and four times the price he formerly got for his scrubs. He hopes within the next year to sell a solid carload of hogs from his own herd.

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Agent J. P. Powell of Randolph County, reports eighteen demonstrations underway with approximately 100 hogs.

Other work reported from Sumter, Liberty, Chatham, Dougherty, and Clarke Counties is as follows:

No. demonstrations advised relative to sanitary measure	sures 21
No. demonstrations given in treating for lice	18
No. feeding demonstrations started	15
No. demonstrations in treating for worms	6
No. demonstrations in meat curing	3
No. pure breds purchased for farmers	5

Poultry: The following is a brief summary of poultry activities in Clarke and Hancock:

No.	demonstrations given in vermin control	9
No.	poultry meetings held	5
No.	flocks culled for poultry sales	6
No.	new poultry demonstrations started	5

(For further work with poultry, see marketing).

Farm Sanitation Summary: Demonstrations in whitewashing out-buildings and premises generally, sanitary toilet building, and instances of a general cleaning up may be noted in practically every community in Dougherty County and one of the members of the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners recently stated that this work alone more than repaid the local money being put into Agent King's salary. Work reported from the various Counties:

No.	homes whitewashed	6
No.	homes screened	3
No.	out-buildings whitewashed	9
No.	health talks given to adults	6
No.	health programs given	ì

Marketing

Commodity	Quantity		Receipts
Vegetables Home-cured meat Poultry Syrup Cattle Eggs Sour Cream	4,309# 180# 936½ 10 gal. 10 yearlings 160 doz. 1,300#	moto?	\$ 182.30 56.55 312.48 17.60 175.00 62.35 512.02
		Total	\$1,318.20

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62.25		
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Miscellaneous Work

Work reported here is not of a miscellaneous character, but is so grouped because of the limited amount reported:

No.	persons planting summer legumes as soil imporvement crops	70
No.	visits to tobacco demonstrations	19
No.	demonstrations assisted with in topping tobacco	2
No.	farmers present	74
No.	year-round gardens started	34
No.	demonstrations started in home beautification	1
No.	demonstrations conducted in garden insect control	8
No.	farmers starting to keep simple farm records	15
No.	farmers assisted with grading vegetables for market	70

Special Visits to Result Demonstrations

Beginning the first day of May and ending the 26th, from one to three days were spent with each Agent visiting result demonstrations in field crops, livestock, etc.

Invitations were extended to State and local Extension officials as well as local business men to see some of the work being attempted having an educational or economic value for the Negro farmers in the various Counties. There were three main objectives in these visits:

- l. To determine if the specific demonstrations were organized in a way to teach specific lessons.
- 2. To observe the general influence of the Agent in the various communities.
- 3. To aid the Agents in making whatever adjustments necessary in their local plans.

No meetings were held except an occasional field meeting, the entire time being given to field visits.

Mr. W. S. Brown, District Agent, Savannah, visited each County having a Negro Agent in the Savannah District and in each County, the white agricultural Agent, members of civic organizations, church leaders, school heads, business men, Smith-Hughes Agricultural Teachers, Home Demonstration Agent, and farmers joined in to visit the centers where demonstrations were under way. An average of twenty-seven demonstrations were visited in each County and a total of 118 different people participated in these inspections.

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Narrative Report-Boys' Club Work

Enterprise Development Work

Field Crops

Corn: In twelve Counties reporting this month, 452 boys were growing from one to ten acres of corn.

Agent O. S. O'Neal of Houston-Peach Counties Writes, "My forty-five corn club boys are pushing their work; corn has been cultivated and is growing off nicely."

Agent E. Stallworth, Sumter County, reached twentynine out of his forty-nine boys enrolled and gave instructions for applying a side-dressing to their corn.

which may be summarized as follows:

No. demonstrations given to corn club members	77
a voludince at these demonstrations	700
No. Ficial meetings neid	77
Attendance at these meetings	ME
TOTAL TO COMOTIBUTE OF TOUR	762

Cotton: This month, 274 boys are reported as having cotton enterprises underway. During the series of recent visits to field crop demonstrations, the best cotton seen in Randolph and Oconee Counties were Club boys! demonstrations.

Club boys in Sumter County have already started the fight on boll weevils, while their Dads are still debating that this will or will not be a bad year for boll weevils.

A summary of cotton club activities follows:

No. of method demonstrations given	11
trovillative at these demonstrations	MO
No. of field meetings held	10
No. of times Agents visited club demonstrations	3 6

Hogs: Three-hundred and thirty-six boys are growing one or more hogs each this year. Bankers and business men have assisted them in securing pigs on a larger scale than ever before. In Houston and Peach Counties, banks in Fort Valley and Perry advanced money to purchase pigs for seventy-five boys. In Ware County, various

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members of the Kiwanis Club and the Negro Business League put up ten dollars each to purchase purebred registered pigs for club boys. Twenty-five pigs were placed with boys through this method.

A summary of pig club activities for the month follows:

No. of visits made by agents to demonstrations	12
NO. Of field meetings at result demonstrations	5
Attendance at these meetings	48
NO. OI method demonstrations held	10
Attendance at these demonstrations	86

Poultry: In Laurens, Randolph, Oconee, Liberty, Houston, Peach, Ware, and Chatham Counties, 150 boys are enrolled in poultry clubs and during the month, the following activities were reported from these Counties:

No. of visits made by agents to boys' poultry demonstrations	26
No. of meetings held at these demonstrations	7
Attendance at these meetings	38
No. of method demonstrations given	
Attendance at these demonstrations	82

Miscellaneous Enterprise Work

This heading includes eighteen calf club boys; eighty-five with sweet potatoes; four with Irish potatoes; twenty-nine with truck enterprises; five growing peanuts; five wheat, two melons; 142 with gardens, and eight with forage and soil building crops, making a total of 297 boys, all of which were reported from Laurens, Houston-Peach, Randolph, Oconee, Liberty, Chatham, and ware Counties.

During the month in these enterprises, seventeen meetings were held with an attendance of 100; thirteen method demonstrations were given with eighty-six boys; eight meetings were
held at demonstrations with an attendance of thirty-nine; and 103
visits were made by the Agents to the enterprises listed.

Narrative Report

Home Demonstration Work

Camilla Weems

Negro District Agent

To put over the Extension program this month, the Home Demonstration Agents traveled 7,414 miles; spent 348 days in the field and 54 days in the office; they received 288 calls at head-quarters; wrote 440 letters and 16 news articles. They visited 219 farms; 533 homes, and 126 result demonstrations. These agents held 106 meetings at result demonstrations which meetings were attended by people. They held 18 other meetings having an attendance of 266 16 miscellaneous meetings which had an attendance 1,438 people. Six them.

- Food Production -

All home demonstration agents reported that gardens are in excellent condition and that these gardens are furnishing sufficient vegetables for the home use and some for sale.

- Home Marketing -

Sold:

Vegetables	\$516.05
The same of the sa	56.70
Chickens	214.65
MIIK and cream	54.90 357.20
Date of the second seco	66.65
Miscellaneous poultry products	547.15
Tiomo Tarsed Trowers	239.79
Home made cakes	4.00 4.75
	2061.84

Of this amount, \$120.57 worth of products were sold by club girls. Sales by counties:

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Carroll	Blob County	8 22 2-
Chatham 143.83	Camden County	
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30200	Chatham	
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Jackson County 9.10	Jackson County	9.10
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Liberty County	Liberty County	
Newton County 95.00	November 2	95.00
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Sumter County	
Washington County	
Polk County	
Glynn County	
Total Sales	\$2061.84

- Cooking and Food Conservation -

A Cooking - There were sufficient berries and vegetables ripe for canning and jelly making and the club members began their work in canning and conserving foods. 100 demonstrations in cooking and canning were reported by agents, 22 of these demonstrations were in bread making, 10 in vegetable cookery, and 25 in salad making.

Quarts of vegetables canned 439 Glasses of jelly made 326
Quarts of fruit canned --- 468 Pints of jam ---- 18
Quarts of pickle ---- 29 Gallons of fruit juice 12

- Home Improvement -

Among the Home Demonstration Agents
Mrs. M. A. Harris, Home Dem. Agent in Camden County, "Put in running water in her home, using a water tank and pressure pump, thus forcing the water upstairs into the bath room and to the sink in the kitchen. Ten pounds of pressure puts the water upstairs. The pump is connected to the well in the yard and gives perfect satisfaction."

Mrs. Carrie B. Brown, Home Dem. Agent, Washington County, and her husband, Farm Dem. Agent, T. W. Brown, have so remodeled their home inside and out that the house looks like new. A front porch, living room, dining room, bath room, and office for the agents have been added to the original house and bath room fixtures and electric lights installed.

Mrs. Margaret Toomer, Home Dem. Agent, Peach-Houston County, Mrs. Minnie L. Ralston, Home Dem. Agent, Liberty County, Home Dem. Agent, Liberty County, and Mrs. Mary H. Jones, Home Dem. Agent, Chatham County, have all laid off beautiful lawns around their homes and have made the ground around their homes very beautiful with lawn grass, shrubbery, and blooming flowers.

Among Club Members

In Liberty County, two homes mowed grass from the lawns

and otherwise improved the looks of the grounds.

One club woman painted her home, another painted the garage and barn, and a third woman repainted the furniture in her home.

Seventy club women in Georgia reported having made their home grounds look more attractive by clearing the yards of grass and rubbish, by planting additional flowers, and by whitewashing the trees, fences and outbuildings.

One woman repainted the furniture in her home, eleven homes bought new beds, four homes purchased new ranges, and one woman

E.C. named and track the own down drawn law or party and party of the law of the l made pretty cretonne covers for her living room furniture. One Carroll County club woman bought a set of nice dishes

and six dining room chairs.

One Sumter County woman, have four outside doors and twelve windows, was screened this month.

In the Community

Five churches and church yards were cleaned; two churches were painted and trees whitewashed.

The Neal Rosenwald School house in Jackson County was

completed and dedicated.

Work on a teachers' home was begun in Liberty County. Club women in the Shipp Community, Sumter County, laid off a community garden, cut fence posts and planted them, nailed on the fence wire, and planted a model garden. These club members said that they will keep vegetables growing in these gardens the year round.

Eighteen school houses in Jackson County were scrubbed

and left clean for the openning of school next fall.

Community flower gardens at three schools in Carroll County were worked and make to look more attractive.

Adult Short Courses:

Chatham County - Mrs. Mary H. Hones said, "The fifth annual short course convened at the Georgia State College May 28 - 29. Nine communities were represented and the program was arranged to benefit every individual. The program consisted of cake making, jelly making, meal planning, and table setting, canning, preserving, hat making and art stenciling. The club members were given an educational tour to inspect the new dining hall (that has been recently erected), the campus and Chatham County's Protective Home for Girls.

The District Agent, Miss Camilla Weems, was present and assisted both days in the meeting. The cakes were judged and the prizes were awarded for the cakes by the District Agent. Two conferences were held with the district agent during the month, one for the adult work and one for the junior work.

Mrs. Backus, the white Home Dem. Agent of Chatham County was present at one session of the meeting and gave a very helpful dem-

onstration in canning and preserving.

This adult short course was sponsored by the Chatham

County Home Demonstration Council.

Liberty County - During the month, two adult short courses were conducted for club women in Liberty County. One was held at the home of Mrs. Hughes, Midway, Georgia, and the other was held at the County Training School at Cross Roads.

The short courses consisted of demonstrations in salad making, bread making, jelly making, canning, table setting, and sewing

cutting patterns, and remodeling old clothing.

Mrs. Minnie L. Ralston, the Home Dem. Agent was assisted by the District Agent. These short courses were under the auspices of the County Home Dem. Council of which Mrs. Carter is president.

- Narrative Report -

Girls' Club Work The agents reported 5543 girls in the club entollment for May. club teams were given training in giving demonstrations and 58 teams

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were given training in judging; 143 method demonstrations were given; 2 hundred club meetings attended by 3521 people. 651 visits were made to homes of club members and 108 visits to schools.

571 bulletins were distributed; 9 club circular letters prepared, 16 club news articles written, and 5 club fairs attended by 944 people were held during the month of May.

Club Garden Work

During the month of May, the district agent assisted ten local home demonstration agents in checking girls! club gardens. A larger number of gardens than ever before was found to be of standard size, and to contain the required vegetables for the grade of the club girl.

P oultry Work

Of the girls visited, the club girls in Bibb, Camden, Glynn, Peach, Houston, and Washington Counties seemed to be doing the best all round work with poultry. Some girls in these counties own large flocks of good chickens and are making money from sales of chickens and eggs. We found some club girls owning cows and making money from sales of milk, cream and butter.

Reported sales of garden products, home poultry products, and home dairy products produced by club girls, themselves, amounted

to more than \$120.57.

In most counties visited, the schools were about closed and the girls were doing a larger share of the cooking, canning, sewing, house work, and most of them were assisting with the work on the farms .

A fewer number of club meetings was held this month due to the fact that the girls were busy on the farms and most agents used the month in doing follow up work.

Short Courses and Field Day Exercises

The annual McIntosh County short course for club girls was held May 27 - 31 in Darien, Georgia. Mrs. Ethel Taylor Lizama, the agent was assisted by four county school teachers and the district agent.

The county authorities cooperated with the agent and gave the use of the "Poor House" which has no inhabitants, for holding the short course. The building was cleaned, whitewashed and put in excellent condition for the short course.

Because of their outstanding club work this year, the following girls were chosen to represent their county at the District Conference at Camp Ralstonia in July:

> Nancy Crumbley, President Alethia Buckley, Secretary Darien Club Helen Spearing

Beulah Williams, Pres. Ruth Bell Price)Eulonia Thelma Williams, Secty. Carnarham Chaney Washington Ruth Harmon Club

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